

26.(Once Amended) The device of claim 18, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position and the [axis] plane of rotation for the support is along a plane parallel to the length of the boat.

29.(Three Times Amended) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket;

a v-shape support with a cradle at an upper end and having a lower end rotatably mounted with respect to the motor at a position above a bottom edge of the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket when the motor is in the up position to hold the motor in contact with the support.

34.(Three Times Amended) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a rigid tie down member;

a v-shape support having a cradle at an upper end and having a lower end rotatably mounted about a horizontal pivot axis which is generally parallel to the transom and located above a bottom edge of the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about the pivot axis to contact and support the motor in the cradle and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and

a flexible tie down element connectable to opposite ends of the tie down member which passes behind the motor to hold the motor in contact with the cradle when the motor is in its up position.

37. (Three Times Amended) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket having holes at opposite ends;

a v-shape support having a cradle at an upper end, wherein a lower end of the support is mounted for pivotal movement about an axis located above a bottom edge of the transom such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to a first position at which the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is in second position between the motor and the transom; and

a tie down element having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein each one of the hooks is secured in one of the holes in the tie down bracket and the tie down element passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor to hold the drive shaft housing in contact with the cradle when the motor is in the up position.

39. (Three Times Amended) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a rigid tie down member;

a v-shape support rotatably mounted at a lower end and having a cradle at an upper end, the support being rotatable about a pivotal axis located above a bottom edge of the transom so that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its lower end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the

motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom; and
a flexible tie down element connectable to the rigid tie down member, which passes behind the motor for securing the drive shaft housing in place against the cradle when the motor is in an up position.

40.(Three Times Amended) An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a rigid tie down member;

a v-shape support rotatably mounted at a lower end and having a cradle at an upper end, the support being rotatable about a pivotal axis located above a bottom edge of the transom so that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its lower end so that the cradle receives and supports the motor along a drive shaft housing of the motor and when the motor is in a down position the support is positioned between the motor and the transom;

a flexible tie down element connectable to the rigid tie down member, which passes behind the motor for securing the drive shaft housing in place against the cradle when the motor is in an up position; and
means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.